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# ASAPS Challenge Program

Automated Streams Analysis for Public Safety

**Real-time Multimodal Analytic Technology to  
Save Lives, Property, and Infrastructure  
Where Every Second Counts!**



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# Our Most Important Stakeholders


## The Public and First Responders who Serve Them

*Where every second counts!*



Building technology for the future to help first responders save lives, property, and critical infrastructure by helping public safety to be more fully data-informed in responding to emergencies.

# Today's Agenda

 Introduction to the ASAPS Challenge and Progressive Contests

 Public Safety Practitioner Perspective

 Contest 1: Everything You Need to Know to Get Started

 Implementing the ASAPS Challenge



# Today's Speakers



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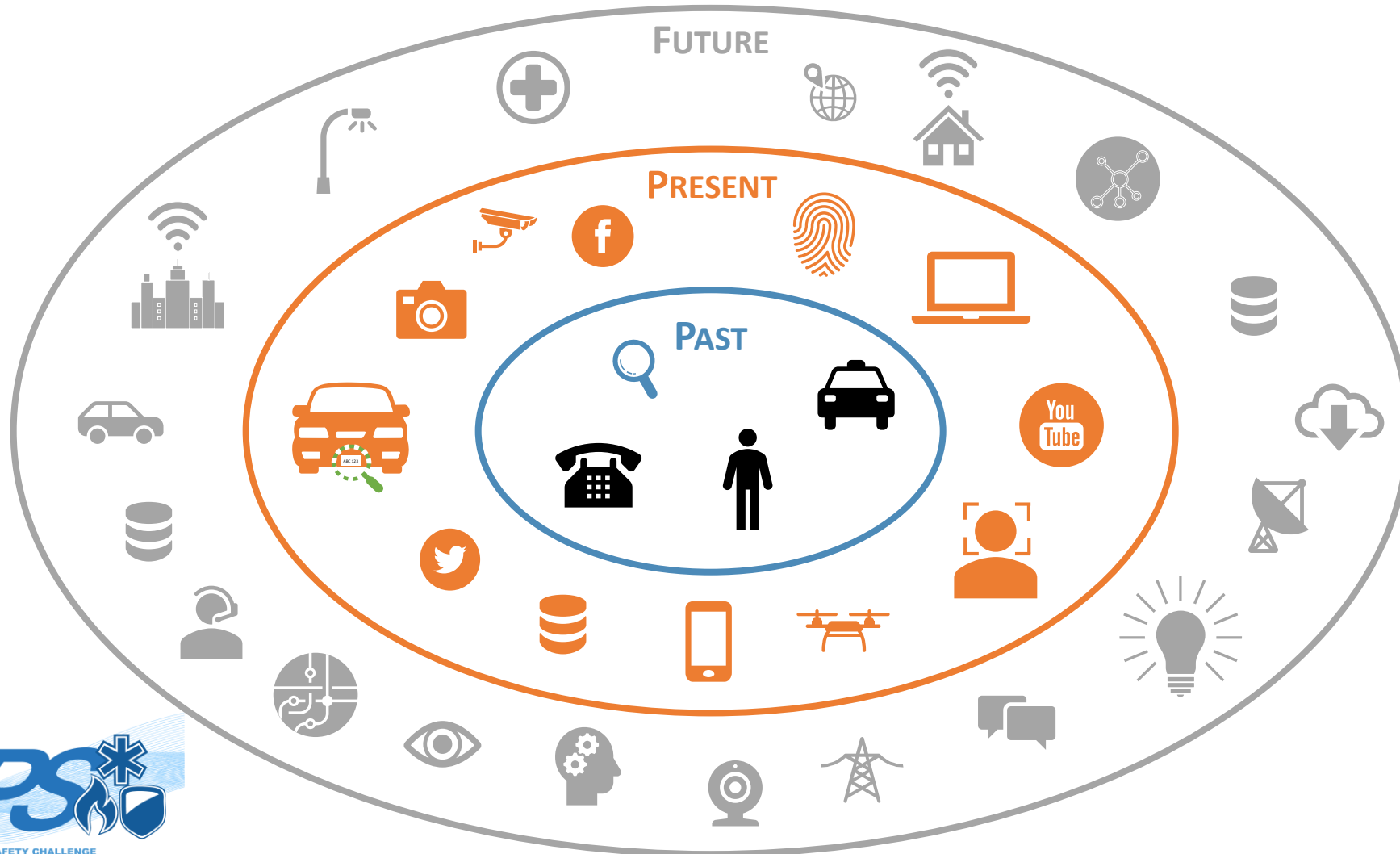
# The ASAPS Challenge

**ASAPS Goal:** Promote development of innovative technologies to

- **automatically detect and analyze emergencies**
- **from many different kinds and numbers of data streams**
- **in real time, and**
- **provide alerting and evolving emergency analysis** to public safety emergency response coordinators **in a highly informed and intuitive way.**

# Our Fast Increasing Sea of Data

The vast amount of data Public Safety must monitor has already outgrown human capabilities





# Current public safety livestream data analysis tools are limited



Few public safety analytic tools work with unstructured data in real-time



Most of these tools have been developed for use with archival data and focus on post-event forensic analysis



Most analytic tools rely on a non-evolving data representation



Most situation awareness tools generate an information dump that impedes critical real-time response decision making



Most analytic interfaces are primarily GIS-focused on *the where*, but inadequately integrate *the what* – especially from multiple sources.



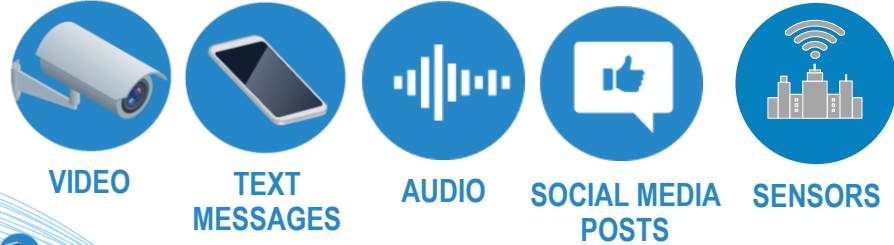
## **You can help build:**

Technologies that perform analysis and fusion of emergency-related information from many heterogeneous data streams in real time and provide it to public safety in a usable way that will save lives, property, and infrastructure.

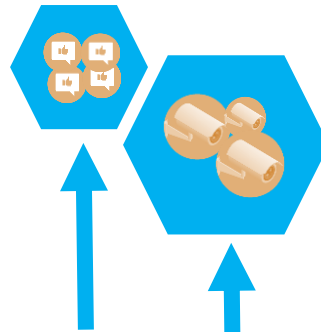
# Automated Streams Analysis for Public Safety (ASAPS) Challenge

*Where every second counts!*

## Data Sources



## Extract



## Structure, Fuse, and Analyze



## Report, Visualize, and Interact

### Public Safety Decision Support



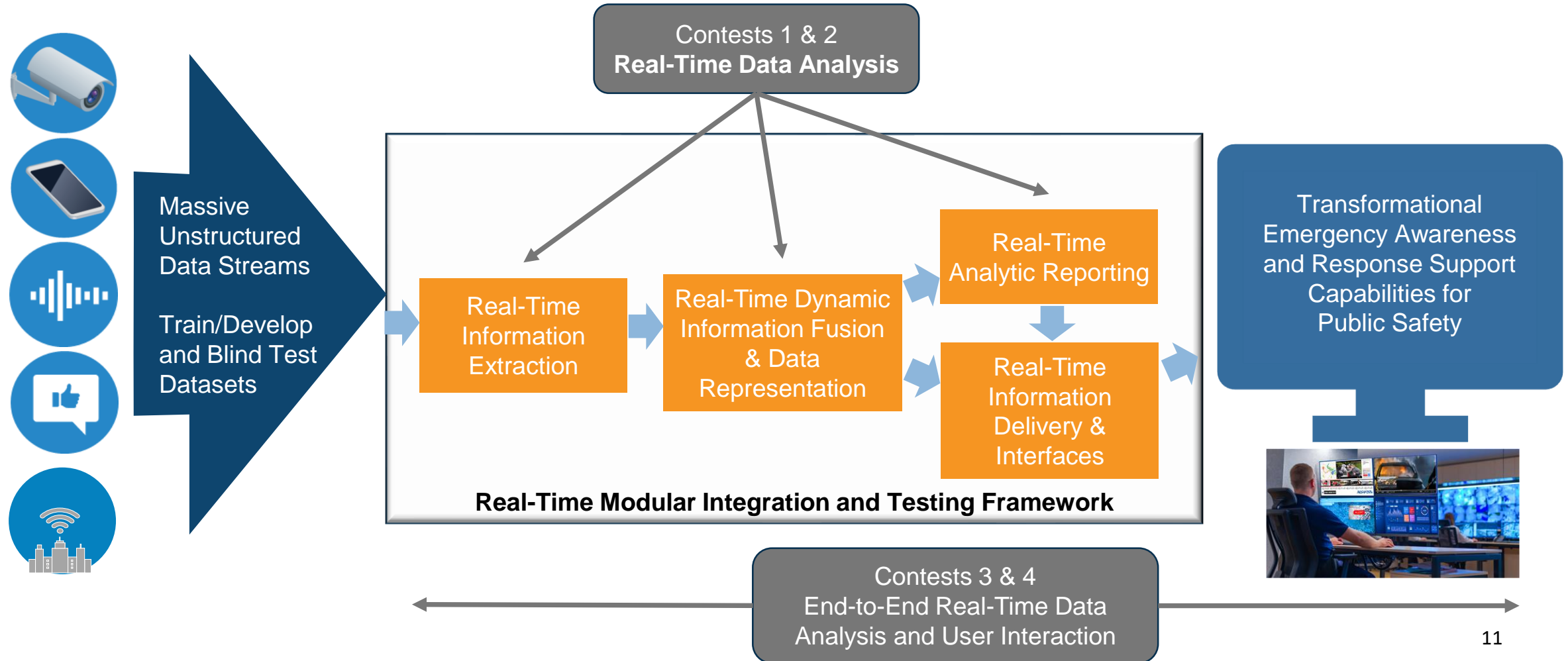
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*Realtime Analysis, Alerting, Visualization, and Interaction*

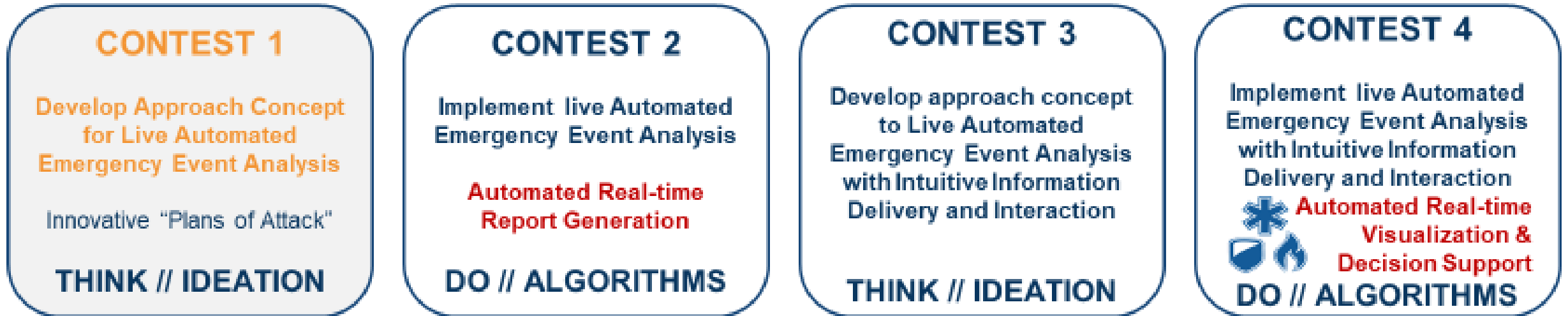
# ASAPS Unique R&D Approach

The challenge features a series of progressive contests using a modular integration framework to foster collaboration, innovation, and knowledge and algorithm sharing.





# Anticipated ASAPS Program Schedule



We Are Here



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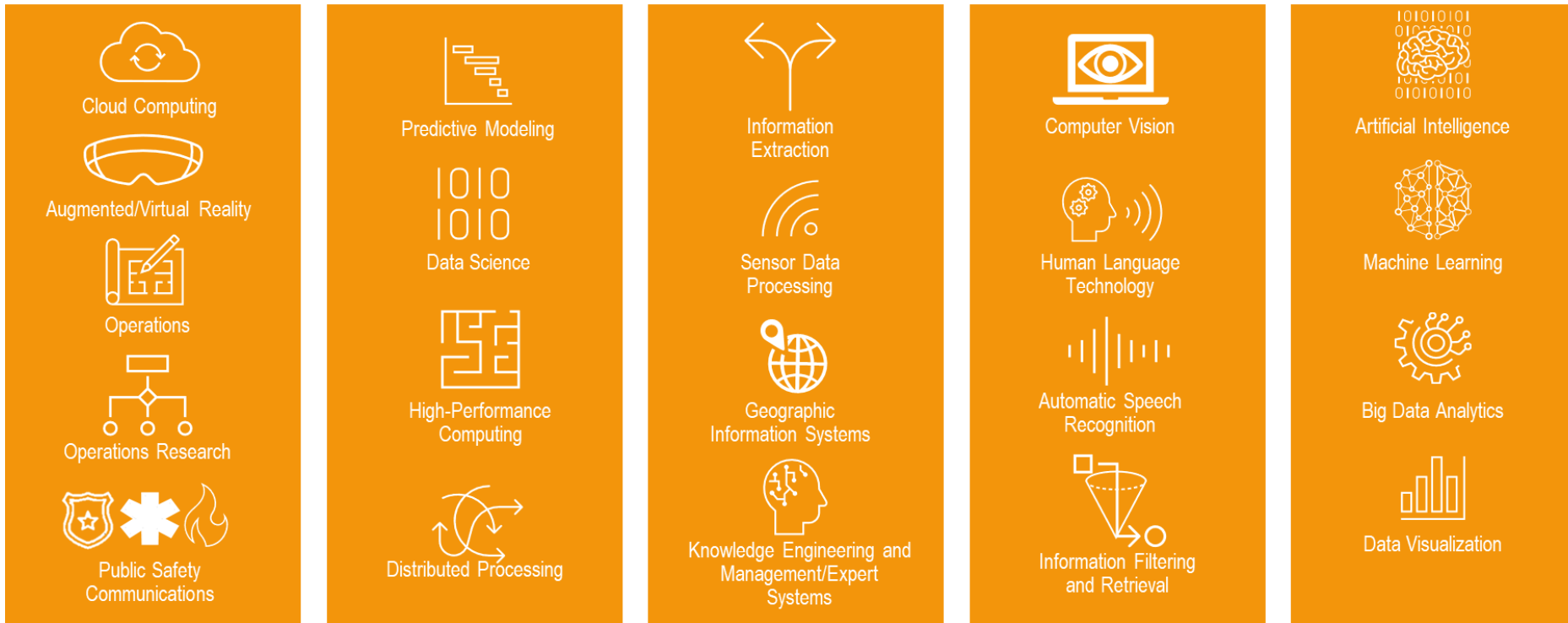


Submissions Due

# ASAPS Takes a City of Collaboration to Build

ASAPS requires a multidisciplinary approach spanning many diverse areas of expertise and features a variety of collaborative mechanisms.

## Many Disciplines and Areas of Expertise Working Together



Multiple Contexts  
Progressive Ideation and Development Cycles

### Support

Forums  
Teaming  
Workshops  
Feedback





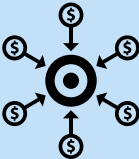



### Outreach

Stakeholders  
Public Safety

### Resources






Unprecedented Data  
R&D and Testing Framework

# Resources we'll provide to you

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| <br><br> | <br><b>Large-Scale R&amp;D Framework and Test Harness to Build Your Systems to</b><br><br><b>APIs and Forum for Shared Tools and Analytic Components</b><br><br><b>Unprecedented Data (8 hours of continuous data across each of nearly 100 streams) in each of 3 data collections</b><br><br><b>Participant Forum // Knowledge Exchange // Teaming</b><br><br><b>Webinars and Workshops for each Contest</b> |
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# ASAPS Data – Unique Hybrid City

| Training Data Description  |  Video & camera feeds     |  Audio |  Sensors |  Social Media Posts |  Computer Aided Dispatch |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
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# Long Term Vision for ASAPS

Seamless and scalable real-time multi-modal analytics frameworks that provide critical emergency information-awareness to public safety in saving lives, property, and infrastructure.

## Envisioned R&D impacts include:

- Agile **multimodal analytics and fusion models** for streaming data from video, audio, text, social media, and sensor data
- **Reusable R&D and test & evaluation frameworks**
- **Open source analytics development tools**
- Scalable deployable **emergency event analysis tools and methodologies**
- **Critical mass in R&D** related to scalable real-time emergency analytics for public safety
- Creation of a **Community of Interest** supporting sustained R&D and multi-disciplinary collaboration in public safety emergency response analytics



# Imagine Creating tomorrow's technology to save lives

Analytics to help first responders make more effective use of streaming data *where every second counts*



REAL-TIME AUTOMATED ANALYSES

Medical  
Emergency Detected



Child Falling Into Harbor



Abandoned  
Building Fire



EMERGENCIES MITIGATED



# Public Safety Practitioner Perspective



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Houston Mayor's Office of  
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**University of Houston, NIST Partnership**



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# Greater Houston Region Public Safety Common Operating Picture Ecosystem



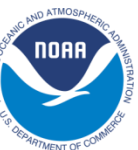
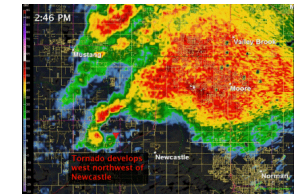
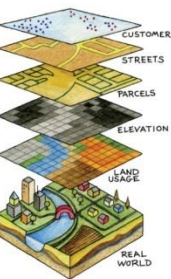
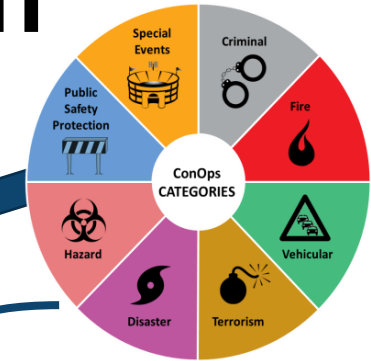
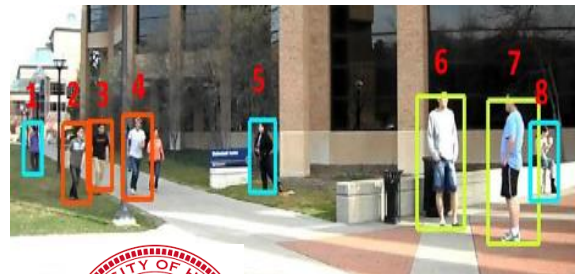
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Backhaul and Networking

Video  
Management  
System (VMS)

Data and Sensor  
Integrations,  
Automation and  
Workflow

Video Analytic  
Algorithms  
Generate Alerts







# Houston Public Safety Video Analytics





# Contest 1: Ideation

## What is Ideation?

- Drive innovation and solve problems
- Collect ideas from a wide and diverse population
- Increase opportunities for new thinking
- Identify cross-industry application opportunities
- Initiate or drive continuing technical progression of Challenges
- Create and foster a growing user community of experts
- Partner and collaborate within the user community

# Contest 1: Asks Participants To

Provide innovative ideas, concepts, and visions for the future of improving public safety decision making and response through more effective use of streaming data



Partner and collaborate from across a diverse set of expertise and backgrounds



Demonstrate a clear understanding of the current state of the art and emerging trends





















Identify critical technology gaps that prevent the problem from being successfully addressed



Present a clear and compelling idea, accompanied by a technical approach, to bridge the technological gaps identified

# Contest 1: Up to \$150,000 in total prizes

| Topics   | Data Categories  | Award               |
|--|--|---------------------|
| <b>Topic 1:</b> Information extraction across ASAPS streams and data sources across 1 or more data categories  |  VIDEO  EXTRACTION   | <b>\$30,000</b>     |
| <b>Topic 2:</b> Information fusion across extracted data and generation of live/dynamic information representation, across 3 or more data categories |  VIDEO  TEXT MSG  AUDIO  FUSION   | <b>\$30,000</b>     |
| <b>Topic 3:</b> Automated emergency event analysis across 3 or more data stream categories, and preferably across all data categories                |  VIDEO  TEXT MSG  AUDIO  ANALYSIS   | <b>\$30,000</b>     |
|  |  |                     |
| <b>Topic 4:</b> Extraction-to-analysis systems approach across all data categories   |  VIDEO  TEXT MESSAGES  AUDIO  SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS  SENSORS  EXTRACTION  FUSION  ANALYSIS | <b>2 X \$30,000</b> |

# Contest 1: High Level Schedule

Pre-Launch  
February 10

Challenge Launch  
May 6

Submission Deadline  
August 10

Winners  
Announced  
September

Wrap-Up  
Workshop  
September

Participant Forum  
Webinars

Pre-launch

Open to Submissions



# Many ways to participate!

**ASAPS is Collaborative and Inclusive -- Engaging All Stakeholders**

Participants &  
Contestants

Co-Sponsors

Judges, Reviewers  
and Volunteers

Supporting  
Organizations

# Take the Challenge!

[www.herox.com/ASAPS1](http://www.herox.com/ASAPS1)

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## Automated Stream Analysis for Public Safety Challenge - Part 1

Develop tools and capabilities to detect and analyze emergency events from live streaming multimodal public safety data.

Data Science Government Technology

Stage: Pre-Registration Prize: TBA

**SUBMIT YOUR SOLUTION**

Overview Guidelines Timeline **Updates 2** Forum **Community 102**

Challenge Updates Find a Team

Ongoing FAQ and Contest Updates

Spread the Word

Follow

Submit Your Solution



Collaborate and Participate in Discussions

# ASAPS Challenge Program

*Automated Streams Analysis for Public Safety*

## *Implementing the ASAPS Challenge*



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Officer,  
Lafayette Group



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# History of Public Safety Innovation

Lafayette Group has supported public safety technology initiatives for over two decades



Tech Transfer and Alignment



Nationwide Technical Assistance



Public Safety Interoperability



Nationwide Broadband Planning



Cybersecurity and Analytics

1994-2001

2002-2007

2008-2011

2012-2017

2017-Today

**Commercialize DoD** Products and Services for Law Enforcement, such as land mobile radio, databases, 311, and biometrics.

**Tailoring Federal Programs** to support State and Local Technology needs through technology transfer.

Assisting with the **Stand up of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

Stand up of Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) and drive support for **Interoperability, Intelligence Fusion, and Nationwide DHS Technical Assistance and Training**

**Expansion of Law Enforcement Programs** and Emergency Communications Office of Emergency Communications (OEC)  
**Advancement of interoperable communications** for federal, state, local and tribal entities

Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network  
Supported **DHS broadband workshops in 45 states**  
Support to the **First Responder Network Authority (FRNA)** and **Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA)**

**Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)** strategy, coordination, technical assistance, CONOPS, and outreach.






**Technical assistance** to MCCA to reduce violent crime, and **coordinate counterterrorism initiatives** with the FBI.

**ASAPS**

# ASAPS City: 25 Events in over 72 Acres



# ASAPS Data Modalities and Stream Details

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# ASAPS: Relevant and Innovative

Innovation driven by public safety practitioners, technical experts, and participants

## DATA COLLECTION



- 💡 Composition of **ASAPS City** over an area of close to 100 acres
- 💡 **8 hours of continuous live fully staged data** driven by public safety practitioners and over 100 privacy informed, consenting actors
- 💡 **Detailed event design and construction** for realistic inclusion of clustered evidence across multimodal data streams.

## TEST HARNESS



- 💡 **Scalable, cloud-based** solution capable of supporting real-time analytics across multimodal streaming data
- 💡 **Containerized solution to support secure** access to test harness
- 💡 Unified interface to industry leading contest platforms, open source tools and contest data **reduces the barriers to participate and enhances contestant experience**

## CONTEST DESIGN






- 💡 **Plentiful and diverse observable data** smartly spread throughout ASAPS city to both appeal to students or challenge AI to its limits
- 💡 **Stratified prize categories** designed to attract and reward single gap and complex holistic solutions
- 💡 Interactive stakeholder engagement to right size the challenge and **build a sustainable community** through forums, webinars, and workshops



# The ASAPS Team

The breadth of the ASAPS Challenge requires a diverse and collaborative team

| Team Member   | Capabilities  |
|---|---|
|  LAFAYETTE GROUP                       | Leader in strategic and technical <b>public safety communications</b> support to federal, state, and local government agencies                              |
|  Kitware                               | <b>Video production</b> and multiplatform data analysis and visualization   |
|  hero <sup>x</sup>                     | <b>Ideation through crowdsourcing</b> with on-demand ecosystem of solvers   |
|  topcoder™                             | <b>Crowdsourcing platform with more than 1.5M members</b> representing a global network of designers, developers, data scientists & testers                 |
|  Nodi Solutions                       | Stakeholder engagement, <b>strategic communications</b> , and social media strategy to public safety  |
|  IAI<br>Intelligent Automation, Inc. | Leader in <b>Artificial Intelligence (AI), Computer Vision (CV) and Machine Learning (ML)</b> technologies including text, video, and sensor data analytics |

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